* **God’s GRACE Is Available To Every Awful, Terrible Sinner.**

***9****For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.****10****But by the* ***grace of God*** *I am what I am, and* ***his grace*** *to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the* ***grace of God*** *that was with me.****11****Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.* 1 Corinthians 15:9-11

**Grace Defined:** Grace is the ongoing, benevolent act of God working in us, without which we can do nothing (John 15:5).

***8****For it is by* ***grace you have been saved****, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—****9****not by works, so that no one can boast.* Ephesians 2:8-9

* **Without Jesus’ Resurrection -> Our Faith is USELESS.**

***12****But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?****13****If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.****14****And if Christ has not been raised, our* ***preaching is useless*** *and so is your faith.* 1 Corinthians 15:12-14

**KEY: W/O Jesus’ Resurrection, The NT is Written by LIARS, Full of LIES.**

***15****More than that, we are then found to be* ***false witnesses*** *about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.****16****For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.* 1 Cor 15:15-16

**KEY: W/O Jesus’ Resurrection, We Have No FORGIVENESS Of Sin.**

***17****And if Christ has not been raised,* ***your faith is futile****; you are* ***still in your sins****.* ***18****Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.****19****If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most* ***to be pitied****.* 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

**“4 Things Paul Wants You To Know About Jesus’ Resurrection”**

**1 Corinthians 15. 4/17/22**

* **Belief MATTERS: Your Eternal Life Is At Stake.**

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the* ***gospel****I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.****2****By this* ***gospel you are saved****, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.* 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

**KEY: The Gospel Is: Jesus’ Death, Burial And RESURRECTION.**

***3****For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that* ***Christ died*** *for our sins according to the Scriptures,****4****that he was* ***buried****, that he was* ***raised****on the third day according to the Scriptures,* 1 Cor 15:3-4

**KEY Q: What Happened To Jesus’ Body?**

* **EYEWITNESSES Validated Jesus’ Resurrection.**

***5****and that he appeared to* ***Cephas****, and then to the* ***Twelve****.****6****After that, he appeared to more than* ***five hundred*** *of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.*

***7****Then he appeared to* ***James****, then to all the* ***apostles****,****8****and last of all he* ***appeared to me*** *also, as to one abnormally born.* 1 Cor 15:5-8

**KEY: History Is Not Validated By The Scientific Method But By Historical Evidence, I.e. Court Of Law.**

**KEY: Court Of Law Examines: Eyewitness Accounts, Cross-Examination, Motives, Physical Evidence, Writing.**

**Therefore: We Have More Historical Evidence Than Jesus Lived, Died, And Rose From Death -> Than Plato or Homer existed.**

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